ראש הממשלה
THE PRIME MINISTER

Jerusalem, November 23, 1977

The Honorable
Jimmy Carter
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I write to you now in the wake of our telephone conversation of November 21.

President Sadat and I agreed to continue our dialogue on two levels: the political and the military. Meetings will take place, hopefully soon, between a personal representative of President Sadat who enjoys his full confidence, and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan who, of course, has my complete confidence and that of the Cabinet. At the same time, the Defence Ministers of our two countries, General Gamassi and Ezer Weizman, will seek to work out arrangements to make an unintentional armed clash between us impossible.

President Sadat and I agreed to go to Geneva as soon as feasible. But no date was determined. President Sadat wishes the Conference be prepared on the substantive issues. These we discussed in a preliminary manner. We promised each other to discuss them further in the future, knowing that we have differences of opinion concerning the contents of the peace treaties we seek to negotiate and sign. To make clear our positions, I gave the honored guest our draft peace treaty and the covering letter addressed by Foreign Minister Dayan to Secretary of State Vance.

I feel, Mr. President, that President Sadat's visit, the reception he received by our Parliament, Government and people, as well as the nature of our private meetings and exchanges, are good for Egypt, Israel and for the cause of peace. We shall continue the dialogue on all levels for the purpose of concluding peace treaties.

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May I again express to you, Mr. President, my deep gratitude for your contribution to this last development. We shall need your understanding and help in the future.

Yours respectfully and sincerely,

Menachem Begin